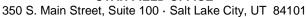


UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Precipitation fell across most of the state with cooler temperatures, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Wet conditions have slowed down planting with all the crops behind last year's progress as well as the 5 year average. Barley planted at 63 percent is well below last year's 89 percent, and corn planted at 8 percent below last year's 13 percent. Oats planted at 40 percent below last year's 69 percent, and spring wheat planted at 71 percent is below last year's 89 percent. Calving and lambing season is almost finished. Cows calved are at 92 percent complete, farm flock lambed is at 90 percent complete, and range flock lambed is at 66 percent complete. Cache County reports field conditions are still very muddy, and the farmers haven't been able to spray winter wheat and barley for weeds. Box Elder County reports that cool wet weather has pushed farmers out of the fields for a second week. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 4 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were 71 percent adequate and 29 percent surplus.

| CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|--|
| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average | | |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | | |
| Apples | | | | | | |
| Full Bloom | 35 | 11 | 45 | 33 | | |
| Apricots | | | | | | |
| Full Bloom | 70 | 65 | 62 | 73 | | |
| Barley | | | | | | |
| Planted | 63 | 57 | 89 | 90 | | |
| Emerged | 38 | 29 | 48 | 65 | | |
| Corn | | | | | | |
| Planted | 8 | 4 | 13 | 19 | | |
| Oats | | | | | | |
| Planted | 40 | 24 | 69 | 70 | | |
| Emerged | 22 | 9 | 48 | 44 | | |
| Peaches | | | | | | |
| Full Bloom | 60 | 50 | 50 | 69 | | |
| Spring Wheat | | | | | | |
| Planted | 71 | 60 | 89 | 93 | | |
| Emerged | 34 | 15 | 65 | 72 | | |
| Sweet Cherries | | | | | | |
| Full Bloom | 40 | 17 | 44 | 53 | | |
| Tart Cherries | | | | | | |
| Full Bloom | 40 | 1 | 40 | NA | | |
| Cows calved | 92 | 88 | 95 | 92 | | |
| Cattle receiving supplemental feed | 46 | 45 | 37 | NA | | |
| Cattle moved to pasture | 44 | 31 | 48 | NA | | |
| Sheep lambed | | | | | | |
| Farm flock | 90 | 88 | 97 | 91 | | |
| Range flock | 66 | 53 | 56 | 59 | | |
| Sheep receiving supplemental feed | 44 | 42 | 48 | NA | | |
| Sheep & Lambs moved to pasture | 60 | 49 | 43 | 30 | | |
| Sheep Shorn | | | | | | |
| Farm flock | 67 | 56 | 80 | 83 | | |
| Range flock | 61 | 54 | 83 | 79 | | |

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDOWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for field work | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 6.2 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | | | | 5 |
| Short | 5 | 6 | 14 | 34 |
| Adequate | 75 | 68 | 76 | 59 |
| Surplus | 20 | 26 | 10 | 2 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | | | 3 | 6 |
| Short | 2 | 3 | 16 | 36 |
| Adequate | 89 | 80 | 78 | 57 |
| Surplus | 9 | 17 | 3 | 1 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Pasture and Range | • | • | • | , |
| Very poor | | | | 2 |
| Poor | | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Fair | 33 | 35 | 31 | 40 |
| Good | 52 | 52 | 56 | 44 |
| Excellent | 15 | 9 | 11 | 4 |
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Very poor | 2 | 5 | | 1 |
| Poor | 3 | 11 | | 5 |
| Fair | 23 | 22 | 21 | 26 |
| Good | 63 | 55 | 61 | 52 |
| Excellent | 9 | 7 | 18 | 16 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor | | | | |
| Poor | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Fair | 17 | 23 | 14 | 16 |
| Good | 77 | 73 | 67 | 71 |
| Excellent | 4 | 2 | 18 | 12 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor | | | | NA |
| Poor | 3 | 3 | | NA |
| Fair | 26 | 27 | 21 | NA |
| Good | 68 | 69 | 66 | NA |
| Excellent | 3 | 1 | 13 | NA |

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Utah's weather data can be accessed at the following:

 $\underline{http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_\&_Condition/2017/UT_Weather_04302017.pdf}$